diversion of forest lands for non-forest use were received from the State Govt. of Orissa, from 1-1-84 to 31-12-86.

(b) Statement-I giving the details is placed on the Table of the House. (*See* below)

(c) and (d) Statement-II giving the details is placed on the Table of the House. (*See* below)

Statement-I

Name of the proposal	Reasons for rejection
1. Diversion of 52·42 ha. of forest land for Bhalla Dhar Minor Irrigation Project.	The diversion involved sacrifice of large number of trees and considerable damage to the wildlife. These losses were not commensurate with the expected economic returns.
2. Diversion of 127·79 ha. of forest land for rehabilitation of oustees due to construction of Upper Jonk Irrigation Project.	The proposal was rejected on account of (a) Violation of the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. (b) Government of India's policy not to allow diversion for rehabilitation purposes.
3. Diversion of 100 ha. of forest land for raising captive plantations by M/s Manglam Timber products Ltd.	As a matter of policy, the Government of India do not allow diversion of forest land for captive plantation.

Statement-II

Name of the proposal	Date from which pending	Remarks
1. Diversion of 336·582 ha. of forest land for laying of 400 KV Transmission line from Jaypore to Talchar and Jaypore to Kolaghat in Kalahandi district.	20-1-1987	The case was being treated as closed on account of non-submission of some essential information since 10-10-86 It was re-opened on 20-1-87 on receipt of information.
2. Diversion of 35·06 ha. of forest land for laying of 33 KV transmission line from Phulbani to Ranipathar in Phulbani district.	19-12-1986	

Both the pending proposals mentioned above have received administrative approval. According to the report received from the State Government, the work in non-forest area has been started on 400 KV transmission line from Jaypore to Talchar & Jaypore to Kolaghat. The work is not reported to have been started on the 33 KV transmission line from Phulbani to Ranipathar.

Diversion of forest land has been approved in 17 cases.

Use of Wasteland by Private units

*277. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to encourage private units to make use of wastelands by afforestation;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the response from private organisations; and

(c) whether Government envisage control over exploitation in commercial forestry?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) Central Government are not promoting the entry of private companies into afforestation projects on forest lands. The proposals for afforestation of wastelands are being processed by the State Governments concerned.

(b) A statement giving the details is placed on the Table of the House. (*See* below)

(c) The State Governments have the power to regulate felling of trees.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of Company/Industry	Area proposed to be covered
1	PALLAS Association Pvt. Ltd., Maharashtra	1·5 to 5 lakh ha.
2	Shree Vindyha Paper Mills Ltd., Bombay	232 ha.
3	ION Exchange (India) Ltd., Bombay	180 ha.
4	Pudumjee Pulp & Paper Mills Ltd., Pune	500-1000 acres.
5	Nuchem Plastics Ltd., Haryana	5000 ha.
6	Industrial Chemicals and Monomers Ltd. Tirunelveli Tamil Nadu.	1000 ha.
7	Tata Industries Ltd.	Details not furnished
8	New Ambadi Estates PVT. Ltd., Tamil Nadu.	5000 ha.
9	MP Van Vikas-Heg Ltd., Bhopal	13000 ha.
10	M/s. Lauric Oilseeds Seedlings (India) Pvt. Ltd., Bombay.	(a) 6000 ha. for captive plantation (b) 19000 ha. for Farm Forestry.
11.	Gwalior Rayon (Harihar Poly fibers)	(a) 13000 ha. for Farm Forestry Project. (b) 30000 ha. for joint venture with Karnataka Government.
12.	The West Coast Paper Mills Ltd., Karnataka.	20000 ha.